

History 619  
First Semester, 1980-81

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Themes in the Study of Revolutions

The course will study theories of revolution and their limitations and will discuss such themes as why and how revolutions begin; why they continue and come to an end; counter-revolution; the role of peasants and urban workers in revolution; and the ideology of both leaders and followers.

The class meets on Tuesday, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Reading

Students are requested to buy 12 of the following books (all in paperback) of which those marked \* are on reserve in the Library:

- ✓ Baylin, B., The Intellectual Origins of the American Revolution (not in library: at present out of print).
- ✓ \* Brinton, Crane. The Anatomy of Revolution
- ✓ \* Cobban, Alfred. The Social Interpretation of the French Revolution
- ✓ \* Cobb, Richard C. The Police and the People 1789-1820
- ✓ \* Forster, R. & Greene, J. P. Pre-Conditions of Revolution in Early Modern Europe
- ✓ \* Gurr, Ted R. Why Men Rebel
- (Hobsbawm, Eric J. Primitive Rebels (Not in Library; out of print).)
- ✓ \* Hill, Christopher. The World Turned Upside Down,
- (Johnson, Chalmers. Revolution and the Social System (not in Library).)
- ✓ \* Johnson, Chalmers. Revolutionary Change.
- add KADAN ✓ \* Lefebvre, Georges. The Great Fear of 1789.
- \* Lenin, V. I. State and Revolution.
- \* Manning, Brian. The English People and the English Revolution.
- \* Marx & Engels. Manifesto of the Communist Party.
- ✓ \* Moore, Barrington, Jr. Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Landlord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World
- ✓ \* Rude, George (1) The Crowd in the French Revolution. (2) Ideology - by Protocol (1980)
- ✓ Soboul, Albert. The Parisian Sans-culottes and the French Revolution 1793-4. O.U.P. (not in Library).
- ✓ \* Tocqueville, A. de The Ancien Regime and the French Revolution-
- (Wolf, Eric A. Peasant Wars of the 20th Century (missing from Library). ) omit
- \* Maier, P. From Resistance to Revolution
- ✓ \* Young, Alfred F. (ed.). The American Revolution. Explorations in the History of American Radicalism.
- ✓ \* Hill, Christopher. A Century of Revolution 1603-1714.
- ( \* Robertson, Priscilla. Revolutions of 1848. )
- ✓ \* Edwards, Stewart. The Paris Commune 1871.
- ✓ \* Palmer, Robert R. Age of the Democratic Revolution Vol. 1 and Vol. 2.
- ( \* Womack, John Jr. Zapata and the Mexican Revolution ) omit

Other titles will be proposed to students during the course.

add. Godichow, J. France & the Atlantic Revolutions  
17th Century  
Doyle, W. Origins of the French Revolution



Themes 7

1. Sept. 2 Introduction to course. Allocation of tasks.
2. Sept. 9. Common factors in revolution.
3. Sept. 16 Variable factors in revolution.
- \*4. Sept. 23 "Rising expectations" or the "prosperity" v. "misery" theory.
- \*5. Sept. 30 How revolutions begin; or how they continue.
- \*6. Oct. 7 Peasants in revolution.
- \*7. Oct. 14 Urban masses in revolution.
- \*8. Oct. 21 Ideology and revolution: (a) ideology "from above."
- \*9. Oct. 28 Ideology and revolution: (b) ideology "from below" 1
- \*10. Nov. 4 Ideology and revolution: (b) ideology "from below" 2
- \*11. Nov. 11 Authority and democracy.
- \*12. Nov. 18 War and revolution or Nationalism and revolution
- \*13. Nov. 25 Counter-revolution.
14. Dec. 2 Conclusions and retrospect.  
Collection of papers.

\* Themes for research papers.